

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

U. S. Application No. 09/834,942

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 9-16 are pending in the application. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Claims 1-6, 9-13, and 16 are allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephonic interview on November 21, 2003, to resolve the § 112 rejections. In view of what was discussed in the interview, Applicant amends claims 14 and 15 as shown in the Appendix below. A Statement Of Substance Of Interview is filed with this Amendment.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

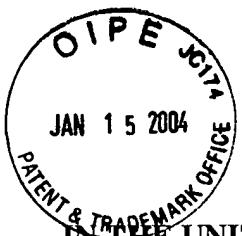


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For: IMAGING APPARATUS

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on November 21, 2003:

REMARKS

Applicant has received the Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) mailed November 26, 2003, and a copy of the same is attached hereto.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: none
2. Identification of claims discussed: 14 and 15
3. Identification of art discussed: none
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: Replacing the second and third

instances of "the" in claim 14 with --a--.

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5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Claim 15 supported by specification at page 15, line 26, - page 16, line 5, and Fig. 3A.
6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: See Interview Summary.
7. Results of Interview: no agreement.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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